

VERIFICATION RESULTS OF FREE & REDUCED PRICE MEAL APPLICATIONS
Montana Local Education Agencies (LEAs)
School Year 2007-08

The results of verification for school year 2007-08 in Montana are positive and indicate a high level of integrity in the administration of the School Nutrition Programs in Montana. Only 14 (6.17%) LEAs had less than 80% response rate from households selected for verification (meaning that more than 20% of the applicants selected for verification at their school did NOT respond). This is a slight decrease from the previous year where 22 (9.4%) LEAs had less than 80% response rate, and only 4 were repeats from the previous year.

Of the 94.14% of households that responded, error (indicated by a change in meal benefits, either positive or negative) was found in 10.18% of applications. That means 83.96% of all applications verified in Montana during 2007-08 were correct at the time that they were turned in.

School districts will qualify for reduced verification requirements (i.e., same as current requirements) during the 2009-10 school year if they achieve a response rate of 80 percent or higher from households during the 2008-09 school year. *School districts are strongly encouraged to conduct aggressive follow-up to get 100 percent response rate during the fall 2008 verification process.*

RESULTS OF VERIFICATION, BY CATEGORY

	Free Eligible based on FS/TANF/FDPIR Case Number		Free Eligible based on Income/Household Size		Reduced-Price Eligible		Response Category Totals	
	<i>Number of applications</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>	<i>Total applications</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>
Responded and No Change	62	4.97 %	336	26.94 %	649	52.04 %	1047	83.96 %
Responded, changed to Free	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25	2.00 %	25	2.00 %
Responded, changed to Reduced	5	0.40 %	51	4.09 %	N/A	N/A	56	4.49 %
Responded, changed to Paid	3	0.24 %	12	0.96 %	31	2.49 %	46	3.69 %
Did NOT respond	6	0.48 %	36	2.89 %	31	2.49 %	73	5.85 %
Total Applications	76	6.09 %	435	34.88 %	736	59.02 %	1247	100 %

